**EFP12 Novel Background**

**Task:** To complete a short assignment research on a topic that will enhance your understanding of the novel you are reading.

**Length**: **Approximately ¾ -1 page (can be longer) -single spaced**

Emphasis: students are researching a topic and then writing a focused paragraph (about one page) on one aspect of that topic.

Criteria:

* Introductory (mini thesis) sentence)
* Key facts and pieces of information given for support
* Written ENTIRELY in your own words
* An attempt is made to present the information in an interesting way to focus on interesting details
* List the webpage address (just copy and paste the URL) at the bottom of your paragraph or on the next page

**Topic Choices (note: if you are interested in a topic that is not here, but is in your book you may do that instead):**

**Three Day Road**

1. Famous snipers from WW1
2. The role of snipers in war (could combine this with previous topic)
3. Morphine: historical uses/positive and negative effects
4. Canadian Aboriginal contributions to WW1

**Monkey Beach**

1. The Haisla nation and culture
2. Eden Robinson’s biography
3. The role of crows and Ravens in Aboriginal culture
4. The history of the Sasquatch (b’gwus)

**Flight**

1. AIM (American Indian Movement)
2. Examples of Indigenous Resistance throughout Canadian history (choose one example or discuss a few)
3. The battle of Little Bighorn

**From the Ashes**

1. The Downtown Eastside (location, history, social issues, Sweetgrass patrol
2. Metis Culture and history
3. Jesse Thisle’s personal history and current life
4. Services for people living with addictions and for people living on the streets in British Columbia

**April Raintree**

1. Metis Culture and History
2. The “Sixties Scoop”
3. Life for Indigenous children in Canada’s foster care system

**Crazy Horse’s Girlfriend**

1. Who was “Crazy Horse” and how did it link to your novel
2. Teen pregnancy – services in Canada to help teens that are pregnant/with babies
3. Apache, Chickasaw, Cherokee nations- a little bit of information about each tribe
4. Poverty on American reserves

**Son of a Trickster**

1. The Trickster figure in Indigenous cultures
2. Eden Robinson’s personal history
3. The Haisla nation and culture

**Empire of Wild**

1. Metis Culture and history
2. Metis Folklore
3. Cherie Demaline personal history

**Up Ghost River**

1. St. Anne’s Residential School/history of Canada’s residential school system
2. Edmund Metatawabin’s personal history
3. Life for aboriginal children in Canada’s foster care system

**Bone Black**

1. Issue of Missing and Murdered Aboriginal Women (MMIW) in Canada
2. The Inquiry into MMIW
3. Bone Black Pottery techniques

**All the Way**

1. Other famous Indigenous Hockey players
2. Inuk (Inuit) culture
3. Other Indigenous people in professional sports

**Halfbreed**

1. The Downtown Eastside (location, history, social issues, Sweetgrass patrol
2. Metis Culture and history
3. Maria Campbell’s personal history and current status
4. Road Allowances and their connection to Metis people in Canada

**Split Tooth**

1. Inuit Culture
2. Mental Health and Suicide epidemic in Northern Communities
3. Tanya Tagaq’s personal history

Seven Fallen Feathers

1. Racial tensions in Thunder Bay
2. Systematic Racism in the Thunder Bay Police
3. Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School

21 Things you May Not Know About the Indian Act

1. History of the Indian Act and what parts have been repealed
2. Bob Joseph’s personal history and other novels he has written
3. Intergenerational trauma on Indigenous communities from residential school

The Inconvenient Indian

1. American expansion West in the 1800s
2. Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement
3. Use of Native American land for garbage dumps and casinos